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ATTACHMENT "B" TO KGB-9722

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Subject : ABN

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Source : ☐ ☒

Sub-Source : Engineer Vasil GLAZIOV (Gosnack), Member of the Central Committee of the ABN

Evaluation : B-3

1. Sub-Source reports that for the past two years the ABN has lacked any democratic foundation and is gradually being converted into a "Fascist" organization. The opposition groups insist on elections and on an account of past activities, which the present board systematically refuses to do.
2. Sub-Source also reports that 31 January 1954, is the deadline stipulated by the opposition for the board to make a decision on calling a new congress, on holding elections, or on calling an orderly session of the Central Committee. Should matters still be pending by 31 January, the opposition has decided to leave the ABN collectively and to found a new organization.
3. Sub-Source believes that, in that case, the Poles could also join such an organization. He also expects the participation of the Slovak group of Minister CERNAK. From among the Bulgarians, the Bulgarian National Committee will be invited for cooperation, and from among the Ukrainians, an appeal for participation will be made to the Ukrainian National Council.
4. According to Sub-Source, contact has been established with US authorities to get moral and material support for the new organization. However, the American answers are supposedly not binding enough. Nevertheless, it is not intended to appeal to BORN for assistance since it is not desired to go through German channels.
5. Sub-Source still opposes STECHKO with determination, and he requested BARNIERA to remove STECHKO as the Ukrainian representative in the ABN. However, BARNIERA refuses to drop STECHKO in the ABN.
6. Sub-Source also reports that STECHKO, while on his trip to CANADA, travelled under an assumed name (something like BEXIN). This is said to be the reason for the denial of a US entry permit to STECHKO. Sub-Source cannot visualize what prompted STECHKO to assume another name on the trip.

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7. The financial status of the ABN is stable due to Ukrainian subsidies.

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